

ALBERTA • AUGUST 21-27, 2017

CONNECT-WITH-NATURE ADVENTURES



ACROSS ALBERTA: Badlands, Dinosauers and the Rockies

Experiences

A circuit east and west of Calgary, this 7-day Adventure immerses you in stunning badlands exposing a dinosaur-inhabited coastal plain from 70 million years ago and glaciated mountains carved out of the deposits of subtropical coral reef environments from 300 million years ago, each a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The learning experience focuses on evidence for geological time, the evolution of life, mountain building, climate change, glacial and river processes, as well as on matters of wildlife management and ecotourism.

Highlights are the renowned Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology in Drumheller, Red Deer River Valley, Dinosaur Provincial Park, Banff National Park, Lake Minnewanka, Bow Valley Parkway, Lake Louise, the divide between rivers flowing to the Arctic Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, Yoho National Park in British Columbia, and the Kananaskis Valley, a Winter Olympics venue.

Accommodation ranges from economy to deluxe, including the Banff Springs and Palliser Hotels, and our dinners span

village cafés and fine restaurants. Panoramic drives are interspersed with guided hikes, boat and gondola rides, and private museum tours with receptions in Banff and Calgary.

Guides

Your guide is Emlyn Koster, PhD, Director of the NC Museum of Natural Sciences since 2013. A past president of the Geological Association of Canada, he lived in Alberta from 1980-91, first working for the Alberta Geological Survey to advance the understanding of ancient habitats in Dinosaur Provincial Park and then as Director of the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology to launch its operations. He is joined by Becky Kowalchuk, a

lifelong Albertan who works in the Director's Office of the Royal Tyrrell Museum. Our organizational partners are Alberta Culture and Tourism, Alberta Environment and Parks, and Vancouver-based Discover Holidays.

Weather and Clothing

The climate of southern Alberta ranges from semi-arid to sub-alpine. In Dinosaur Provincial Park, August's average high/low are 79°/51°F with extremes of 99°/33°F. In Banff, August's average high/low are 70°/45°F with extremes of 91°/-15°F. Dress in layers with sturdy footwear for daytimes and casual for receptions and dinners.



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Cost and Reservations:

This Adventure is open to Members only. To become a Member, please contact Catherine Starek, Coordinator of Membership for the Friends of the Museum, catherine.starek@naturalsciences.org or 919-707-9296.

The total per person cost is \$3,500 for double room occupancy (\$1,000 extra for single occupancy). This includes all ground transportation and tour guides, all accommodations, meals, fees, receptions, and speakers. This cost does not include airfare. A passport valid for at least three more months is required for travel. Personal travel/health insurance is highly recommended.

To indicate your interest, visit naturalsciences.org/adventures. You will be notified as soon as registration becomes available. Once registration is open, spaces will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis until the maximum number of 26 registrants is reached. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is required upon reservation to hold a place on this trip.

Registration will end on March 31, 2017 and full payment is due no later than May 19, 2017. Reservations will be acknowledged in their order of receipt until the maximum is reached, after which a wait list will be used in the event of any cancellations.

We reserve the right to cancel any trip because of inadequate enrollment that makes the trip economically unfeasible. In this event, we will refund your deposit paid. However, we are unable to refund any deposits following trip cancellation that results from factors outside our control including but not limited to terrorism, natural disaster, or other major global events and therefore we recommend that you purchase travel insurance. We are not responsible for costs incurred by a participant in preparing for a program that is altered or canceled.

For any questions about this Adventure, including cancellation policy and liability coverage details, please contact Jerry Reynolds, Head of Outreach at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, at jerry.reynolds@naturalsciences.org or 919-707-9884.

